

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

June 2, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on May 29, 2008, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Thomas Farley, Steven Skok, Richard Dornisch, Sean Gabler, Richard Gabler, Jr., and City Manager David Greene

VISITORS

Visitors included: Tina Gradizzi and Warren Stewart

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
May 19, 2008

Richard Gabler made a motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2008, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor, except Steven Skok who abstained.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Consider for Adoption:
Resolution No. 08-9
re: Bell & Hose Tower
Project

Resolution No. 08-9 was presented requesting the filing of a grant application in the amount of \$65,500. to the Department of Community and Economic Development for grant funds to be used towards the restoration of the bell and hose tower.

Tina Gradizzi, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, stated the grant application will be submitted to DCED in the amount of \$65,500. and that the total cost of the project is \$98,000. with in-kind services. She noted Bill Hoehn, of the Fire Department, presented the project to her and that a Bell Tower Restoration Project Committee was formed to oversee the project.

Sean Gabler made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-9. The motion was seconded by Steven Skok.

Richard Dornisch noted several corrections to the history of the bell tower. He stated the first fire tower was located on LaFayette St., not Market St. He also stated there were more fire companies in the community than listed in Bill Hoehn's write-up. He stated, historically, the write-up is incorrect.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to adopt Resolution No. 08-9.

Resolution No. 08-10
re: Pennsylvania
Energy Development
Authority (PEDA)
Grant

Resolution No. 08-10 was presented requesting a PEDA Grant from DEP for energy efficiency activities that will be constructed as part of the Depot St. Parking Garage. It is anticipated of the \$458,500. cost of the project, at least one half will be provided by ATA and the remaining portion provided by DEP. It will cost the City \$150.00 for the application fee.

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The Manager stated we are trying to make the parking garage "environmentally friendly green". ATA has already committed to make their portion of the building green.

Richard Dornisch questioned if there is an annual maintenance cost for the garage. The Manager explained we are looking at solar powered lights, recycling some of the storm water, and other ways to bring down the maintenance cost of the building.

Richard Dornisch made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-10, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

Letter from Chamber of
Commerce re: Summer
Concerts

A letter was received from the St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce regarding Summer Concerts which will be held on Friday, June 13, 2008 and August 22, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Chamber is requesting permission to close a portion of Market Street to through traffic during the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in order to hold the concerts.

Steven Skok made a motion to approve June 13th and August 22nd from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for the closing of a portion of Market Street for the Summer Concert series. The motion was seconded by Dennis Nero.

Richard Dornisch added contingent that the August 22nd concert will be held on Market Street and not some other location.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to grant the Chamber's request.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION
Trick or Treat Night

After a brief discussion, Mayor Geyer announced "Trick or Treat" night will be held on Halloween Night, October 31st, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. by porch light invitation only.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Thomas Farley expressed his concern about the progress on the new building in the parking lot. He stated nothing has been happening for about two weeks. The Manager stated they are waiting for the steel which should be delivered next week. Mr. Farley questioned why the plumbing work was not being done. Manager noted plans need to be finalized where the restroom fixtures will be placed.

Richard Dornisch stated he visited the new Industrial Steelsite and felt a lot more work needs to be done before it is completed.

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Richard Gabler stated, just as a follow-up of a citizen's question regarding a curfew, there is a City Ordinance which states the curfew, for minors under the age of 18 years, is from midnight to 6:00 a.m. and that it is just a matter of enforcing it.

Thomas Farley inquired if the additional walkway in the Elk Creek Park Plan, as shown in the Phase III construction of the plan, is actually going to happen. The Manager stated the right-of-way is being searched. If the City does not have a right-of-way, the owner of the building would need to grant one so a walkway can be constructed to Bruxelles Street.

Mayor Geyer stated the Elk County Humane Society will be celebrating their one year anniversary in their new building and will be hosting a rabies clinic on June 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will also be a free dog training demonstration and refreshments. The organization would like to thank the City for securing them the land and citizens for their support. She noted since the shelter opened a year ago, 112 dogs, 78 cats, 2 rats, 2 guinea pigs, and 1 iguana have been adopted. Everyone is invited to attend the shelter's celebration.

Richard Gabler stated this Saturday, June 7th, there will be a free unwanted/expired medication collection from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Education Center of the Elk Regional Health Center.

Dennis Nero asked if Solicitor Jacob will be bringing the T.V. Franchise Agreement to the next meeting. Manager responded yes.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Geyer made the following announcement:
- Next Council meeting will be held on June 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Sean Gabler made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Shirley Dicklas
Recording Secretary